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§ 1.17(e) is enclosed.

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 08/803,702, (Confirmation No. 9092), filed on February 21, 1997 of Maino et al. for METHOD FOR DETECTING T CELL RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC ANTIGENS IN WHOLE BLOOD.

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| 1. | X | Please enter the Reply Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on April 25, 2002 in Application No. 08/803,702.                       |
| 2. |   | Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on in Application No                                       |
| 3. |   | An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.   |
| 4. | X | Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.  |
| 5. | X | Change of Correspondence Address is enclosed.   |
| 6. |   | A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. |
| 7. | X | A check in the amount of \$740.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R.   |

8. | Please charge \$740.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed. 9. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed. 10. X Please grant a one-month, two-month, three-month, X four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), extending time for filing applicants' appeal brief or continuation application from March 28, 2002 to and including July 28, 2002. 11. X A check in the amount of \$1,440.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed. 12. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed. 13. 

Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed. (Date) Daniel M. Becker Registration No. 38,376 X Attorney of record

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